



"Together We Learn"  
School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

# News Release

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### **iLearn: What's Coming Next?**

Kelowna, BC – The *Together iLearn Laptop Program* is one of the largest one-to-one school laptop programs in Canada. Given the outpouring of student, principal and teacher support at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Education and Student Services Committee meeting, the program is achieving its goals of improving student literacy, broadening the learning experience, and maximizing the life chances for students. In order to ensure the continued success of the program, the Board of Education has made the following decisions:

- According to the original schedule, Grade 7, 8 and 9 students throughout the District will have use of 'one-to-one' laptops by September, 2008. Currently, all Grade 7 and 8 students have laptops as well as Grade 9 students at Rutland and Springvalley middle schools who were part of the pilot project.
- The budget will remain at \$2.38 million for the 2008/2009 school year to ensure that the program remains sustainable.
- The deployment of laptops to secondary students in grades 10, 11, and 12 continues but through library sign-out, a cart system for classroom use, and computer labs.
- A transition plan is being developed for secondary schools. Plans include implementation of wireless technology and laptops at Rutland Senior Secondary in 2008/2009.
- The timeline will be developed as the District has the opportunity to access some variable factors such as teacher inservice technology costs and the effectiveness of this technology within the secondary school learning environment.
- The future schedule for laptop deployment will be one that ensures the long-term sustainability of the iLearn program and the best use of the technology for all students.

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